

## Communion Meditation

Joel 2.28-32      "Call and be Saved"      September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

### Popular Verses

- We live in New Testament only time – [TopVerses.com](http://TopVerses.com) – scoured Internet refs
  - 39 of top 100 are from Gospels / 13 of 100 from OT (6 from Genesis)
    - Gen (6), Deu, Proverbs, Isaiah (2), Jeremiah, Joel, Micah
  - **Joel 2.28** is most popular (90<sup>th</sup>) from Minor Prophets (**Mic 6.8** is 99<sup>th</sup>)

### 1. Judgment (1.2 – 2.11) / 30 Verses

- **Read v28** ~ "And it shall come to pass afterward"
- **Read 2.1-3** ~ "Blow the trumpet .. nothing shall escape them"
- This judgment is horrific – far worse than anything they'd ever experienced

### 2. Repentance (2.12-17) / 6 Verses

- **Read v13** ~ "rend your heart, and not your garments" / must be of heart
- **Read v14** ~ "Who knows" / Conditional rescue promised

### 3. Rescue & Restoration (2.18-27) / 10 Verses

- **Read v18** ~ "Then the Lord will .. pity His people" / Judgment ends
- **v23** ~ "He will cause the rain to come" / Blessing returns
- **v26** ~ "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied"

### 4. v28 ~ "Afterward"

- **Read v28 - 31** ~ "And it shall .. awesome day of the Lord"
  - These refer to a time after Judgment / Repentance / Rescue & Restoration
- **When is that time? When was that time?**
- There's a reason this verse is in the top 100
  - After Holy Spirit fell upon Apostles (all heard message in their language)
  - Peter said in **Acts 2.15-21** ~ "these are not drunk .. shall be saved"

**At conception all people are at odds with their God / Under His condemnation**

**But God promises "that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved"**

**The Table is a weekly celebration of the saved**

**It's also a weekly reminder to the lost to "call on the Lord to be saved"**